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ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), originally filed on April 18, 2001 and supplemented by facsimile transmission on April 18, 2001

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the nonsigning inventor. FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the nonsigning inventor. Applicant lacks item (4) set forth above.

A statement of the inventor's last known address is missing and is required.

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